

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa

10:00 A. M.

January 18, 2026

Melanie Hauser

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder: Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.

People: God has called each of us before we were even born.

Elder: It was God who named us.

People: It is God who claims us.

Elder: The light of God's love shines in us.

People: Let's shine God's love into all the world!¹

***HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King"**

#267

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Melanie

O God of steadfast love, at the wedding in Cana your Son Jesus turned water into wine, delighting all who were there. Transform our hearts by your Spirit, that we may use our varied gifts to show forth the light of your love as one body in Christ. Amen.²

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON): Elder

O Lord our God,
You call us to proclaim the gospel,
But we remain silent in the presence of evil.
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
But we are content to live in separation.
You call us to seek the good of all,
But we fail to resist the powers of oppression.
You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,
But we sit idly by,
Endangering the lives of people far and near.

Forgive us, O Lord.

**Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,
And give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others;
Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**³

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Melanie

Hear the good news! Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: Through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.⁴

***GLORIA PATRI** **#623**

¹ ~ posted on the *Worship Elements* page of the Ministry

Matters website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/article/entry/4549/worship-connection-january-12-2014>

² ~ from **Revised Common Lectionary Prayers** copyright © 2002 Consultation on Common Texts admin. Augsburg Fortress. Posted on **Thematic, Intercessory and Scripture Prayers for the RCL**, Vanderbilt Divinity Library. <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

³ (Confession and Pardon from Presbyterian Book of Common Worship p. 60 and 62)

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SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament: Isaiah 49-1-7

Elder

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

Melanie

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN "In My Life Lord, Be Glorified" #394

SERMON "Showers of Blessings"

*APOSTLE'S CREED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Response #421 (Verse 1)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing" #289

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION SONG "Freely, Freely" (V. 1) #447

*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

*POSTLUDE

(*Those who are able please stand.)

The Schaller-Early-Nemaha Community Food Pantry (Mission Project)

The Food Pantry, which our church supports, is collecting Hy Vee (Storm Lake only) grocery and gas receipts. You will find a bucket at the Presbyterian Church. This runs until the end of April. Our Food Pantry will earn a percentage of the receipts and will be reimbursed with a check from Des Moines. This money may help cover costs to maintain our Food Pantry. Please drop all your HyVee receipts in one of the buckets.

From the beginning of time, God's pattern has been to continually do new things and make things new. Though we can celebrate this every day, the New Year's season is especially fitting to pause and recognize God's work of renewal. Consider the following scriptures (all NIV) and how God is making them real in your own life right now.

- [God] has granted us new life to rebuild ... and repair (Ezra 9:9)
- If [a tree] is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail. (Job 14:7)
- He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. (Psalm 40:3)
- See, I am doing a new thing! ... I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. (Isaiah 43:19)
- You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. (Isaiah 62:2)
- [God's] compassions ... are new every morning. (Lamentations 3:22-23)
- I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. (Ezekiel 36:26)
- [Jesus] took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." (Luke 22:20)
- Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

2026 PER CAPITA

2026 Per Capita amount is \$55.70. It is a very important way we can contribute to the operation and mission of the Presbyterian Church. Session encourages all members to contribute. Please mark your check "Per Capita".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY 2025

18 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Melanie Hauser BVU)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

19 Monday

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Healthy Feet Clinic here

20 Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

21 Wednesday

3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

25 Sunday (Pulpit Supply: Rev Ken Fells)

Installation of Officer

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

28 Wednesday

3:30 p.m. Confirmation

6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Malia Meyers
The Richard (Butch) Sampers Family
Rod Plagman (In Hospice)
Betty Franken

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Church
Our Session
Our School Kids
Our School Teachers
Rev. Ken Fells
Doug O'Bannon
Denny & LaRae Mauser
Shari O'Bannon
Florene Cork
Jeremy Plagman
Dexter Meseck
Ken Fells Jr.

Our Military, First Responders, Iowa National Guard

Thank you for keeping us informed about joys and concerns. Remember, hospitalized members and friends don't always get on the list at the hospital. We'd rather get several calls than none! If you would like to add someone to the prayer list please call Denise King (275-4516).

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

January 18, 2026

First, Manning and Rev. Cindy Johnson

January 25, 2026

First, Spirit Lake and Rev. Clint Loveall & Rev. Michael Gewecke

PULPIT SUPPLY FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY

January 25	Rev. Ken Fells
February 1	Rev. Ken Fells (Communion)
February 8	Jay Grogan
February 15	Norman Prather
February 22	Rev. Dr. Cambria Kaltwasser



JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Dan Bailey (Jan. 23rd)
Carolyn Young (Jan. 28th)
Denise King (Jan. 28th)
Shane Reimers (30th)

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Melvin & Dorothy Ploeger (Jan. 26th)